



## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

### **Statement on Media Issues in Armenia**

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Paul W. Jones  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, we note with concern that the broadcast of the Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty newscast has been taken off the air in Armenia.

We have seen suggestions that the decision to cancel this program was made in response to political pressure on the station manager.

In this regard, we would hope that this program will find a broadcast opportunity in the immediate future; this would demonstrate that Armenia is a state where freedom of the media is acknowledged and respected, consistent with the OSCE commitments we have all undertaken.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.